

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 5, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE2003/002755, filed August 18, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10245638.0 filed September 30, 2002, both applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 5, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 lines 6-7, as follows:

The invention relates to a method for transmitting data signals by means of virtually linked partial signals via synchronous data networks ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 8, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 28, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 2 lines 18-19, as follows:

This object is achieved by the claims ~~features of the method according to claim 1.~~

In the English translation document, please delete the line at page 3 line 1, as follows:
~~The figures show:~~

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 line 2, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraphs at page 3 lines 3-7, as follows:

Figure 1 shows a block diagram for an arrangement for performing the method according to the invention.

Figure 2 shows the block diagram according to Figure 1 in an error state.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 line 8, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--